## THIS WEEK ON THE STAGE.

A BALF DOZEN PLAYS THAT WILL BE NEW 10 OUR AUDIENCES. Yankee Life to He lituatrated in "The Village Postmuster"-Pieces Made to Fit Comedians Scabrooke, Emmet, Weber

and Fleids Novelties in the Vandevilles, A play to be newly put forth at the Fourteenth girest Theatre to morrow bears the title of "The Village l'ostmaster." It is the joint work of Alice E. Ives and Jerome H. Eddy, who have undertaken to transfer certain things from New England rural life to the theatrical stage. A "general training day" in New Hampshire ferry years ago is the subject illustrated particularly. A Postmaster is the principal humorous character. There is a plotted story concerning the love of a country maiden and her two sweethearts, one good and one bad, but the scenes are given up largely, it is understood, to serio-comic representations of Yankees, Forrest Robinson, M. A. Kennedy, Blanche Weaver, Queente Vassar, and Edward J. Morgan are in the company, which has been rehearsed by Engene W. Fresbrey, and so should be in condition to do its best.

At the end of the week a Saturday night test of a new play will be made at the Fifth Avenue. The title is "The Speculator," but the only rev elation made as to the author is that this is his first work for the stage. Thomas Q. Seabrooke, whom we have known of late only as a comedian in comic opera, is the sponsor for the piece and its chief actor. The theme is speculation. A corner in wheat is the immediate subject depicted. A scene in the Chicago Board of Trade will be exciting, so it is promised. Two rival gamblers in grain are engaged in a desperate deal, which involves hearts as well as pockets. Mr. Scabrooke enacts one of these men. He is an accomplished player, and very probably such a rôle will suit his talents admirably. Among his stage companions are Atkins Lawrence, Sydney Booth, Loraine Dreux, and Blanche Moulton.

A new eddition to the series of "Fritz " plays. which the late Joseph K. Emmet started, and which his son is inclined to continue, will be brought out at Sanford's to-morrow. called "Fritz in Love," and A. D. Hall is its auther. The present Emmet's title as heir to his father's amusing abilities is pretty generally acknowledged by the multitude, and it is said that the fresh piece will sustain his claim. A new piece of nonsense will be divulged to-

morrow in the Bowery at the People's. It is labelied "The Trolley Party," and is warranted to contain a lot of fun. Comedians Weber and Fields, who have caused a vast deal of laughter in the variety shows during the past ten years or more, are the principal factors in this effort

or more, are the principal factors in this effort to amuse audiences by means of farcical jolity mingled with songs and dances in the popularly approved quantities manner.

Theodore de Hanvilie's one-act comedy in verse, "Le Baiser," will be acted in the English of Coarles Renauld, and with the title of "The Kiss," at the matinée in aid of the French Hospital, on Tuesday, at the Fifth Avenue. Edward Vroom has volunteered to assume its principal character. Also in the bill for this worthy entertainment are the names of Faville, Capoul, Maurel, Piançon, Seima, Powell, Dangon, Gordon, and Pizzarello.

The German comedy of "The Passing Regiment," which may be remembered as one of the may Daiy adaptations in English, will be the vehicle of Georg Engels's talents at the Irving Place on Tuesday, and "Itosenkranz and Guilderstern" on Thursday. His other play of the week is "The Children of Her Excellency." This actor has met successfully all the expectations which had been raised here as to his exceptional ability.

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Not only is this the single week allotted to a number of travelling dramatic companies in town, but it is the concluding one for some of the plays that have been with us a long time. John Drew will finish his engagement at the Garrick on Saturday with "The Squire of Dames," and his place on that stage will next be taken by a company which Charles Frohman has formed to present "Thoroughbred," a

newly imported farce.

The final week of "Excelsior, Junior" is reached at the Broadway, and probably the burlesque will not be allowed to flag in its remaining repetitions there. The next production at this theater is to be "El Capitan," a comic opera by Charles Klein and John Philip Sousa, who have written it for the amusing purposes of De Wolf Hopper. It will have had the benefit of a week's use in Boston before being tested in New York.

Rose Coghlan will be at Daly's with " Madame" to the close of this week only. Her acting in this piece is strong, able, and effectual. The character which she portrays is a singular and engrossing figure in a combination of love affairs and sordid business, thus making of her a "new woman" of a peculiar type. Madeleine Bouton has taken the place of Misa Busby in the company, which is an efficient selection of

the company, where a constant of the play.

Kathryn Kidder passes into the second and last week at Paimer's with "Madame Sans Gene," which she is presenting there in almost precisely the same manner that was generally praised when she first gave the comedy in this city. As a reproduction in excellent mimicry of the court and domestic life of Napoleon, this Sardou play is true to historical incidents and characters at the same time that it is a very annual of comments.

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The Holland brothers, Edward M. and Joseph. Inish their first season together with a week at the Harlem Opera House, where they were liked early in the winter as the fashionable confidence operator and his pal of a lackey in "A Social Highwayman." They have used that play ten weeks in New York. The Hollands are to go into the "all star" cast of "The Rivals" in May, and thereafter remain under Joseph Brooks's management.

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Chauncey Gleott is the week's visitor at the Hariem Columbia. He is no stranger there, and is bound to get a welcome the instant he opens his meiodious mouth to sing one of his Irish bailads. There are plenty of those expitvating songs in "Mayourneen," the play in which he is to appear, which contains about all that lovers of Irish drama demand in the way of sentiment and humor, heroism, and comicality. The prosperity of "Trilby" is not yet exhausted. The Paimer company which played it so long in this city has been on a tour ever since

hausted. The Paimer company which played it so long in this city has been on a four ever since its departure, and with no important changes in its make-ue. Witton Lackaye being still its hypnotizer and Bianche Walsh its hypnotized. This is the cast which the peculiar drama enjoys this week in Hronklyn at the Park, and so the performances may be counted on as being quite as good as ever.

Will the drawing power of "The Two Orphane" never exhaust itself? Here it comes sain to the Grand Opera House, with Kate Claston as its blind girl, of course, and with Charles Stevenson once more restored to its cast. Although written by D'Ennery a quarter of a century ago, it was such a decided masterpiece in romante drama that many people have never outgrown a liking for it. It is a solid energy of the second of the solid energy of the solid energy of the solid energy of the solid energy of the second of the solid energy of the second of the solid energy of the solid energy of the second of the second of the solid energy of the second of the second

There is the usual long list of indefinitely continued plays. The breezy "Bohemia" is within a week of a souvenir, as one will mark its fiftieth performance on April 20. This comedy, as briskly acted at the Empire by a selection of Frohman actors, must be set down among the successes of the season, and it will last there until the time arrives for the depart-

tire of the company on its annual tour. The performances of "His Absent Boy" at the tianten by the company of talented actors ight together for that purpose by A. M. l'aimer have gained not only in smoothness. markedly in several instances through improvement by individuals. Thus the fun has ams full) appreciable, and the entertainment has developed into just about what it was riginally intended to be. The management

prelicts a long term for it. If Hoyt's were atheatre three times its present airs on The day night, it would perhaps no fore than hold the people who would like to get into it, so potent is the attraction of a cureur. Distorost seems to be increased by the fact that the memento at this hundredth per-A Black Sheep " is to be a sliver-anits for men. Will it be a chine audience? Probably the be resentful.

many first and consecutive times are a great many for a screen play in this city, and that is the highest which will be credited to "The flour of Manylord" at the Herald Square has Welfard's buflet. As a matter of course, then we have a statement of the play and the theatre from the scatteries. Mr. Helman got one from the scatteries of the play and the theatre a terminative of the play and the theatre recurse causes, the sing on April 27, is to be followed by a simplemental term. The stay of "Humanity" is protracted at the Arademy of Misse, where ample stage space is affected to its bouth African war scenes, which

are presented with a large number of soldiers and horses. The spectacular quality of the melodrama is thus enlarged very much from its former dimensions. It is acted in an appropriately streamons manner, particularly by Joseph Grismer as the here and Dore Davidson as its second or all of the property of the second of the s

Grismer as the hero and Dore Davidson as its exceptionally fundy man.

Jacob Litt, who sent his company to Philadelphia last week to perform an act of "The Last Stroke" at a charity matines for a Cuban fund, will devote the proceeds of next thursday nights regular representation of that Cuban war drama at the Star to the same worthy cause. The theatre will be descrated, and apeches will be made. The play seems to be a successful venture into the field of sensational Cuban melodrams.

The news from the American is that "The Law of the Land" will atay there several weeks, that its rather heterogeneous materials are to the manifest liking of Eighth avenue audiences, and that the reality strong company engaged in it is now improving all the opportunities to excite auplause for herolam and hisses for villainy. Mr. Sanford has surely given a fine cast and

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Silver siphon bottles for perfumery will be given to the women who go to the Bijou on Tuesday night on account of "The Widow Jones" having reached a three-hundredth representation. May irwin is getting a reward of shrewdness of judgment of the public as well as of ability to be funny on the stage. She gives a wholly jovial, nonsensical show without any recourse to any form of impoliteness, so her audiences are of the best quality.

A souvenir night will be reached by "Chimmle Faiden" at the Standard on Wednesday in New York will then be given. Statuettes of a Bowery boy will be distributed. Of course, they will be a likeness of Charles Hopper, the actor and singer who has embodied for the stage the characteristics of Mr. Townsend's popular humerist. The piece will stay at the Standard some weeks longer.

The season at the Lyceum will end within the mouth. It has been distinguished by the preduction of the most valuable drama of the season, "The Prisoner of Zenda," measuring it by the money standard and counting in the use of it by both the Lyceum and the Sothern companies. Of course, the Hope play will remain until the close of the theater, and after that it is to be taken on a long Western tour.

Virginia Earle, who has been ill several weeks, returned to "The Lady Slavey" at the Cashon, and the entertainment will be the gainer, as her share in it is considerable. One week later, Charles Danby will resume the role which he gates up a while ago to Walter Jones, who is retained in the mean time. This lively travesty carries a big vaudeville show made up of things that are nearly all original with the piece.

The programmes of continuous vaudeville give strong evidence of existing competition. At Proctor's Pleasure Palace, Selma's singing and Sandow's muscular feats are still the principal features, and two other conspicuous entertainers that hold over are Lottle Gilson and John W. Ransone. Others on the list are the Pantzer brothers, Gertrude Mansfield, the Ammons-Clerise trio, Barbelmas, Watson and Hutchings, Lydia Dreams, Eva Tanguay, Carrie, the Austin sisters, Maude Raymond, the Ar-nold sisters, Bimbo and Tehi, and Vivie Nobriga. The "Kintographe," a development of the kinetoscope, that shows life-sized pictures, is coming from Germany to show here soon. Weber and Fields are again the topsawyers

at Proctor's Twenty-third Street, but the trick elephants should not be considered as under the log. The funny men have a sketch called "Th German Senators' Schutzenfest," and the ele phants continue their remarkable exercises. Other contributors are Barry and Bannon Rentz, Jenny Eddy, Staley and Birbeck, Charles Weiland, Myrtle Tressider, the Parkins, Leona Lewis, Long and Little, Alongo Hatch, the Heaumont sisters, Zlovga, Till's marionettes, and Cecil Lane.

Kelth's Union Square reserves its first place for the Martinetti pantomimists, and it is promised that they will have an entirely new outlier of scenery for their silent fun making. An entertainer whose aim is to create laughter by quite a different method is Press Eldrikge, who, with his face blacked and his figure disguised in a helicrous costume, will tell and sing about his dear girl, and talk a lot of diverting nonsense. Rosalie Pepera is an unfamiliar singer and dancer, and the list also takes in Morgan and Gienroy, the Dare brothers, Ryan and Richfield, the Gebrue sisters, the Abbott sisters, Harry Leighton, Monroe and Melrose, Ceado, the Valdares, Ed Rogers, and the Healys.

Pastor's puts forward the Earl sisters, singers and dancers, who have just arrived in this country from abroad. Their companions are Kursale and Chaire, Bernard Dyllin, Lilliau Green, the Carlons, Shayne and Worden, Lester and Williams, Ben H. Harney, Joe Lewis, Cora Routt, Wagner and Armin, Charles V. Seaman, Evelyn Britton, and Rice and Elmer.

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Lawrence, Al Gradt, Burke and Beam, Dean
and Jose, Bradiey Burke, the Johnsons, Farley
and Taylor, the Fitzglibbonses, and Hanley and
Jarvis. Mile. Pilar-Morin's "Orange Blossoms" is continued with the same degree of
nastiness that characterized its first showings.

A big change in the music halls is the shift at the Olympia that devotes the theatre to vaudeville, while the present order of entertainment is kept up in the music hall. In the theatre there will be the American debut of the Tiller sisters, eight dancers just from London. Supplementing their efforts are Papinta, a mirror dancer: Dolan and Lenharr, Pablo Diaz, the Gotham City Quartet, the Dixon brothers. and others. In the music hall the Fredericks, Virginia Aragon, and the Cascelli sisters are the specialty folk, and "Marguerite" is retained as the big feature.

At Koster & Bial's to-morrow evening Ducreux and Geralducs and Pauliniti and Pico will display their accomplishments for the first time in this country. Continued Items are Herr Grais and his baboon, the Horns, Ida Fuller, Harriet Vernon, Olschansky, the Delevines, Cora Casell, and Florrie West. All these of course, are but so many second fiddles to Albert Chevaller, who begins his fourth week of his stay with his songs.

Specialists at the Imperial with whom we are not familiar are the Winerton sisters and the Matheis brothers. Better known performers in the roster are Rosalie, Flora, Gilmore and Leonard, and Binns and Binns, "Rob-ber Roy" is continued, but it is announced that it will in few weeks give way to a burlesque of "Heart

a few weeks give way to a burlesque of "Heart of Maryland."

Assurance is sent from the Trocadero concerning Bartho that "this pretty dancer is very fascinating and she dances with much feeling and untiring vivacity." Nevertheless, there are other dancers in the bill, which employs the Dunbar sisters, the Lucifers, Mulvey and Inman, and Mason and Healey. Frederick Solomon's burlesque of "Fra Diavolo" will follow the variety performance.

Figuring conspicuously at Miner's Bowery in a performance that is half variety show and half burietta are Haines and Pettingill and the Washburn sisters. In like employment at Miner's Eighth Avenue are Georgie Lamoureaux and Mae Lowery.

At the Eden Musee the group of wax figures that shows Columbus before Ferdinand and Isabella has just been rearranged. The processes of dissolution are imitated hourly at Cabaret du Neant in the Casino Chambers.

Prof. Ferri's subject, having rested from his recent long sleep, will next drop into a doze at Huber's Fourteenth Street Museum, which is planned to last lifs hours without a moment of wakefulness. The turtle bey and the man fish are also here; so are the unrivalled bag puncher, the human nail pulier, and a variety company. At liber's Eighth Avenue are Texas rife shots, performing birds, a strong man, and hourly variety shows.

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Sunday shows at Pustor's are not usual, but to-night there is to be a performance by which Mr. Pastor's manager, Harry S. Sanderson, is to benefit. The following is only a part of the lights that are promised: Charles V. Seaman, Weber and Fields, Raby Bennett, Williams, Sam Bernard, Dean and Jose, Maithews and Buller, the Donovans, Kittle Mitchell, Blakeley, Henri Casman, Themas E. Olyan, Mile, Flossle, Fila Wesner, Edmund Brahm, Bany Lil, Myer Cohen, Lilliam Greens, Lester and Williams, Florence Ellis, and Harney and Bernard.

This evening's concert at the Academy engages that sweet singer, Magric Cline, and has J. W. Kelly for Joker-in-chief. Then Carrand Jordan, Paul Craft, William Jerona, William Scott, Alice Johnson, Maud Nagent, Benjamin R. Harney, and Mays and Hunter.

The Barnum & Bailey circus and menagerie goes beemingly into a second week at the Madi-son Square Garden. The show this year is kept more closely than hitherto to what may be called legitimate lines. That is to say, there is called legitimate times. That is to say, there is no dramatic spectacle of other extraneous features. All the time and space are devoted to feats of the ring and sights of the menagerie. The exhibition of trained horses is remarkable as to both numbers and character. The company of athletes is the commonly large, and some of their exploits are thrillingly novel. In short, there is simply a transmission quantity of circus in the Garden now.

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Princeton at Athens. Once more upon Hellente fields The vanquished to the victor yields The hardly won Olympic orine Again on classic ground his speed the runner tries But not thy sons, O Greece, to-day are laurel-crowned! Apoile hath a sturdler manhood found Beyond the Western seas, far distant from thy shor

To whom he long has taught thy sacred lore, And moulded their strong limbs like his, divine: Now theirs the victory at his ancient shrine John Balcom's Theory of Toll. John Balcom was a swinker

Until he turned a thinker And repudiated toll. Why rise," he said, "and dress and eat and toll and In order just to dress and eat, and toll and work next

He became a cogitator.

And the more he cogitated His love of case was greater And his love of work abated.

Why sweat," he said, "on Monday and wrack my weary frame
In order that on Tuesday I may once more do the

So he set to ruminating In his intellectual way, And after inoutrating
He would lift his voice and easy: Why toll and moll on Wednesday and labor in the That I again on Thursday the same thing may r

So he ceased to be a swinker And a tiller of the soil, Because he was a thinker And repudiated toil. Why labor hard on Friday until my bones are sore.

That I again on Saturday may labor hard some more?" Thus by mental calculation And by ratioetnation Prove the uselessness of toll.

For toll just keeps a man a-going," it was his won! In order just to make himself prepared to toll next " A man of my mentality should not be a machine.

And intellectuality Abominates routins.

and so why strive and toll and drudge and sweat and work away In order that to morrow may reduplicate to-day !"

When John became a thinker. And ceased to stir the soil, His wife became a swinker, And a devotee of toll;

and ate the bread of labor and tolled and worked That John he might not toll and moti and sweet and work next day. And she became a washer,

And many such there be:

A soap and water awasher,
A washerwoman, she.
She rabbed and acrubbed on Monday, nor quarrelled with her fate. That John, her lord, on Tuesday, might sit and cogi-

And while the cogitator In restful leisure thought, This tub manipulator Her irksome labor wrought; and washed away on Wednesday until her bones That John, her lord, on Thursday might cogitate some

Thus from the day's beginning Until the hours were late, She lines smoothed and dirty Did rehabilitate. and rubbed away on Friday, up to the evening's brink. That John might sit on Saturday and think and think

and think Thus John performed his thinking, Evading labor's strife, Through the vicarious swinking Of his industrious wife.

But she through her obtuseness has no profound re-And toppling predilection for a man of intellect

Fater God. From the Independent. Inaudible voices call us, and we go; Invisible hands restrain us, and we stay; Forces unfeit by our titul senses sway Our wavering will sand hedge us in the way We call our own; because we do not know.

We creep relication through Psin's darkoned room. To greet Life's dearest Joy the other side:
We linger, laurning, who re the ways davide, basying. "So consost," while we front, blind eyed, Dancer's red signal, yea, black, imminent doom!
We knock impatient on To-morrow's door,
Behind which Sor. ow sits, her evermore
Shall anything be as it was before.
Kor sweet To-day's unheeded rose rebloom.

Are we, then, slaves of ignorant circumstance? Nay, God forbel! We have the heavenly changed, The Lamp of Life, the Way both sure and tried, If we but was therein, nor stray outside. God holds the world, not blind, unreasoning Chang ing Chance

JULIA TAPT BAYNE D, golden beart a gleaming in the grass

On a fair morn o' May, I stoop to touch you softly as I pass Along the common way, Thinking of one blue-sky and white-cloud day

When, free from vexing care, I pulled and curled your stems in childish play, And wove them in my hair; Or breathed across your phantom seed-sphere there

To see you, spirit like, rise in the air And vanish out of sight; elieving while I watched your shining flight,

The brooding blessed Power, Mysterious and stient as the light, Would bring you back, a flower Ah, sweet child-trust that bides through sun and

In wisdom all unakilled; After long storms will come a fateful hour When it shall be fulfilled.

Hope's winged seeds, through all the years unchilled, Bloom in the wayside grass, The flower comes back and with heart strangely

A Western Girl.

Unidentified. Her eyes Will match the Western skies When Western skies are bluest; Vill always take its part

Where Western hearts are truest. Her cheeks. When admiration speaks, Are fair as Western rosss; Bright pearis The gems of Western girls, Hor winning smile discloses

Is soft as cloudlets fair That fleck the skies of morning-A crown. wealth of golden brown

This pearl of girls adorning. Her votes. By nature and by choice, E'en those who know her slightest, Will find

Boft as the Western wind Her laugh Is light as wine, or chaff, Or brooks:

That bubble through the nooks

Of all those Western prairies While rivers reach the sea. Or blue skies bend above her. The pearl, The aweeinst, dearest girl That ever won a lover,

With all its winsome truth Atas, how well I know it Will claim A some of love and fame From some young Western post.

In other days, maybe My secret will discover, And then She'il know the best of men

But she,

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Observing in "Notes and Queries" in Tue Sew of Sunday, April 5, a reference to the surrender of Harper's Ferry on Sept. 15, 1862, I beg leave to say that if the friend who pronounces the defence made by Col. Miles imbecile will read the article - ban, Julius White, entitled "The Capitulation "nrper's Ferry," in the Century Magazine of De-cember, 1888, he will understand clearly why a post utterly indefensible was not longer held. Gen. White was the officer appointed to arrange the terms of surrender with the Confederate officers, and although ranking Col. Miles, did not, upon his arrival from Martinaburg with his brigade, as sume command, understanding from the tenor of an order shown him by Col. Miles that the Government desired him (Miles) to retain the command G. H. WEERS.

Has not Congress made an appropriation toward a monument for Gen. Herkimer, and has a statue been erected in als honor? VORLORER Bros. Congress ordered a monument to him in 1777, a few months after his death; but it was not then erected. A century later, after the hundredth elebration of the battle of Oriskany, it appropriated \$4,100 for a monument, this being the original amount. Private subscriptions and an appropriation by the New York Legislature in 1892 increased the sum to \$10,000, and the monument, which is eighty-five feet high, was completed in 1884.

A few days ago I had an argument with a friend and incidentally said that I knew of instances wherein eserters from the Union ranks were branded with the letter "D," this being the order of the court martial. The branding, I claimed, was done sometimes with a hot from, and sometimes tattooed with ink on the left hip. My friend argued that such a thing was never done; that death was the only penalty.

Branding and tattooing as punishments were not abolished in the United States army until 1872. abolished in the United States army until 1879, when, by act of June 6, they were made illegal and forbidden. The punishment for desertion was 'death or such other punishment as a court nartial shall inflict." In aggravated cases, deserters were hanged; in less important cases, we presume they were branded, as under the law they executed by the Federal military authorities for

Is there a class of pensions for children of soldiers over sixteen years of age who are totally disabled? Poromac. Chapter 634 of the Laws of 1890 provides "that in case a minor child is \* \* \* permanently help-less, the pension shall continue during the life of said

must have been punished in some other way.

various crimes, including descriton; other descriers

child, or during the period of such disability. Thus there is such a class of pensions. Kindly explain what the term "Blue Book" conveys as applied to the English form of Government. Is it necessarily a published report, 6, e, would the same matter in manuscript or typewriting form a Blue Book?

A "blue book" is an official publication of any one of the departments of the British Government Manuscript or typewriting would form only the material for a blue book. The British, by the way, turn out blue books; the Germans, white books the French, yellow books; the Italians, green books

Could you give me a brief sketch of the life of William M. Hunt, an artist who committed saicide at the isle of Shosis? What does "Pinxt and dell on stone" in the corner of a picture mean? J. C. H. William Morris Huat was born in Boston March 31, 1824; he entered Harvard College in 1840, but eft, his health breaking down, and went abroad. He took up sculpture first, but in 1846 turned to painting. In 1855 he returned to this country, and oon settled in Boston, where he taught art with much success. "He exercised much influence in shaping the future of American art." He drowned himself, while suffering from melancholis, at Appledure, Isle of Shoals, on Sept. 8, 1879. "Pinxt and del on stone" (your second (is probably a f) means "painted and engraved on stone." It means that picture was painted and engraved later by the same person.

Where did the English soldier get the name of Tommy Atkins?" J. O. S. London Pas h gave him the name about thirty years ago in the titles to a series of pictures of comic incidents in the life of a soldier in a line

Where were tobacco and potatoes first found?

The potato, Solanum fuberosum, is a native of the high valleys of Chill, Peru, and Mexico; it was introduced to Spain from Peru early in the sixteenth century; and in England by the famous sailor, Sir John Hawkins, about 1565, Tobacco was found by the Spaniards in 1492, when they discovered this hemisphere. The natives first seen by Columbus

A few years since our Legislature passed a law prohibiting Jumping from balloons at fairs and other gatherings, under a penalty of \$200. As the practice was still continued, at nearly all our county fairs hast fall, I would inquire if the act has been repealed or is simply ignored? A dead letter, in fact, like the compulsory education law?

The law to which you refer is section 354 of the the statute books. It seems never to have been enforced, however.

Please name and locate the Indian reservations in There are eight Indian reservations in New York, Onelda, with 400 acres; the Tuscorora, in Ningara ounty, with 6,249 acres; the Tonawanda, in Eric and Genesce countles, with 7,548 acres; the Shin-14,030 acres; the Alleghany, in Cattaraugus county, with 30,469 acres, and the Catteraugus, in Erie, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties, with 21,-

Please state whether a man, not a citizen, elect ed Nayor of New York, could hold office. C. O'G. There is nothing in the Constitution preventing him from doing so, but probably under various laws he could not do so.

What percentage of volume does water gain an increase of his temperature by 1° Fahrennelt About .023 of one per cent.

How much of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" is true historically? Only the facts that Duncan was succeeded by Macbeth, and that Malcolm, aided by Siward, Earl of Northumberland, defeated Macbeth at Dunal nane. Macbeth defeated and killed Duncan in a tartie at Bothgousnan in 1040; he ruled ably for fourteen years; in 1054 he was defeated at Dunsinane, but was not killed until Aug. 15, 1057, at Lumphanan, Rector Boece or Boethius compiled from early chronicles many fabulous circumstances attributed to Macheth; Hollashed took Boece, and Shakespeare from Holinshed.

Catherine.-Impossible to determine from your description.

4 M. B .- The astronomical difference in time i tween London and New York is 4 hours 56 minutes 0.6 seconds. M. W .- A pound of feathers contains 16 ounces

00 grains; a pound of gold contains 12 ounces, or 5,760 grains. W. M. Gresham,-The Dominion of Canada con tains 8,456,888 square miles; the United States

contain 3,501,000 square miles. C. Brown.-In 1895 the United States produced 407,103,000 bushels of wheat; Russia, in 1825,

produced \$31,904,000 bushels. W. P. Abbott .- In the calendar year 1894, 3,093, 972 silver dollars were struck at the Minis; in the fiscal year 1895, ending June 30, 8,956,911 dollars

were struck. Geo. Jonson.-When a married woman, who has borne children to her husband, dies intestate possessed of real estate, her husband has a life interest in the property, and the children or their heirs inherit it at his death.

A. and E .- No seat in the dining room, position in regard to the windows or the dumb waiter, is the head of the table. The head is where the head of the house sits. There is a Scotch saying that explains the matter: "Where alts McNah there is the head of the table."

R. R. Cuhoen.-For an outside stucco, hydraulto water to the constitutery of plasterer's mortar, is used. A coat is applied, and a second coat ever this before the first has dried. The gravel must be washed so clean that it will not discolor clean water F. E. S .- The chances of success in speculating

are not to be calculated like those of holding certain cards in whist, &c. In cards, there are fiftytwo elements; in Wall street, there are a thousand. Though the combinations of cards are millions. they are certain; the combinations in speculation are many times more municipals, and then the hu IF YOU have a resh don't be reah and to do it by the resh and to do it woodell the within John and to dure realist and eruptions.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The New York Tribune quotes the Syracuse Couter as declaring that Gen. Benjamin F. Tracy is a residential possibility at the St. Louis Convention, "Gen. Tracy is," the Courter declares, "a practical man without any sham in his make-up. He served the country ably and bonorably as Secretary of the Navy in Prosident Harrison's Cabinet. He has an enviable war record. He is unquestionably an able lawyer and an accomplished, all rouns statesman." The Rochester Union, too, commends den. Tracy, who, in addition to his other public services, has been a Judge of the highest Appellate Court in New York State.

The place of Deputy Commissioner of Public forks is an important one and under Democratic administration the duties devolving upon the deputy have usually been performed by some wide-awake and alert politician familiar with the names and places in the department and the location of the O. Thompson, Hans S. Beattle was Deputy Commissloner of Public Works, and inter D. Lowber Smith, who also served under Gen. John Newton and afterward became Commissioner, Under Thomas F Gilroy the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works was Maurice F. Holahan, who had previously been a member of Assembly and one of the Commis-sioners of Accounts. The Republicans, however, have selected their Dennty Commissioners from the ranks of political nondescripts, the first of them being from Philadeiphia, the second from Oil City, Pa., and the third, and last to date, a lawyer of high professional character whose knowledge of the Department of Public Works is wholly superficial. He is the author of a book not known by the sand gang, the tar gang, or the pavers' relief. title of the work is "Evidence of Transactions and Communications with Decedents,

Corrected figures from Rhode Island show the epublican majority at the recent State election to have been overwhelming. The Republican plurality population of 50,000 only. Some Democrate indeed have become disheartened (which no Democrat ever should) over the returns, seeming to accept them as proof that the Democratic party is not in it in the Presidential election of this year. But there is a silver lining to every cloud, and the silver lining to the cloud in Rhode Island is to be found in the ontest of 1874, when Henry Howard polled 12,335 otes as the Republican candidate for Governor of Rhode Island at the April election. Cant. Place. his Democratic opponent, received 1,589 votes. The Republican plurality, therefore, was 10,740, or about seven times greater than the entire Demo cratic vote. But two years later the Democrate o Rhode Island were right in line with 10,700 votes for Mr. Tilden; and there was a restricted suffrage clause, discriminating against Democrats in Rhode Island, at that time, which there isn's now.

Henry Grasse, who filed with Gov. Morton the barges against Sheriff Edward J. H. Tamsen, has seen appointed attorney of the Department of Buildings, a place of great responsibility in view of the new questions arising under the amended building laws adopted by the Legislature. Mr. Grasse is a publican politics in this city, and popular among his German-speaking Republican associates

Five members of the House of Representativ of 1894 and two Representatives have resignedone to become United States Senator and the other to seek a rediction at the hands of constituents some of whom allege that his success at the first election was tainted with fraud. At that election he obtained 20,000 votes, and his opponent, Mr. Watson (the author of the expression "Where am I at"), 13,500. At the special election, Mr. Black, who had resigned, received 10,000 votes and Mr.

Though there are changes from time to time the personnel, the offices, the objects, the by-laws, and the guiding plans of the State Club on East Twenty-second street, it remains conspicuously the rallying ground of the only aggressive anti-Platt men in town, who fight the ex-Senator's supremacy in his own way and with his own weapons and do not abate their hostility by reason of any side questions. The anti-Platt Republicans owe most of their disasters, some unfortunate, some amusing and all of them humfliating, to the fact that they are, generally speaking, strangers to the science of politics and believers in advantages to be ac ures. But for the courageous fight which has been kept up by the State Club, where the flame of hos tility to the leader from Tioga never lacks fuel in plenty, it is probable that the anti-Platt Republic ans in town would have gone to pieces six m ago instead of being able to contest four Con greasional districts with the regulars.

It is, verbaps, significant of the lack of confiden thich marks local Republicans that, though at the election of two years ago their party nominees car ried four of the eight Congressional districts into which New York city is divided, no candidate for a Republican nomination this year has yet appeared in the field. On the Democratic side Timothy J. Campbell announces himself in the field to succeed H. C. Miner, and there is talk of Excise as follows: The Onondaga reservation, near Syra-cuse, with about 7,300 acres; the Oneida, near tion of all the present Democratic Congressmen from New York city, and Democratic successors, it is confidently expected, will be chosen to succeed Mr.Low, Col. Shannon, and Mr. Quigg. It is, perhaps, necock, near Easthampton, Suffolk county, with a remarkable circumstance as illustrating the light too acres; the St. Regis, in Franklin county, with hold which native-hern New York city Republihold which native bern New York city Republi-cans have upon the honors which their party has to bestow, that of these three Congressmen, representing the three up-town districts of the city above the Fortieth Street line, Col. Shannon is a native of Connecticut, Mr. Quigg a native of Mary

der charge of the Commissioners of Accounts, have been steadily growing of late years. Originally there were two Commissioners who did the actual work, and they had an assistant who was paid for help ing them. When Mr. Grant came into the office of Mayor, in January, 1889, there were sixteen em ployees of the Commissioners of Accounts, the gross salaries of Commissioners and employees aggregating \$30,000. Now, under the wasteful management of the present reform Commissioners \$55,000 was spent in salaries last year, exclusive of detectives,

experts, and stenographers. New Mexico, which is not a State, will have th same representation in the Republican Convention at St. Louis as Delaware, Montana, North Dakota. Utah, and Wyoming, all States. The reason of this partiality for New Mexico, which casts less than 20,000 Republican votes, and until 1894 was a Dem ocratic Territory, is found in the fact that many of the prominent leaders of the Republican party owe their first start in successful business life to the opportunities offered by official residence in the dexican border Territory. Arizona, New Mexico's neighbor, has not been regarded with similar fafor by the Republican statesmen at the capital, and at the rejent hearing of the Arizona Statehood bill, one of the Ohio Republican Congressmen voiced the party opposition to it by declaring that 23 per ent, of the population of Arizona was illiteraand that its entire population was insufficient to militie it to a single member of Congress.

The aubstitution of Edward Lauterbach, who has ive, for Frank Hiscock, who has been for thirty years public official, as delegate at large from New York to the St. Louis Convention, has given dissatisfaction to some Onondaga statesmen, who are opposed even to wholesome innovations in the field of politics. The fact is that the Republican party in New York is seeking this year the support of men of business and affairs and not of solders and office seekers. Mr. Platt, the chief of the delegates at large, is President of one of the largest corporations in this country, the United states Express Company, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000. Mr. Depew is President of the New York Central Rallroad, the largest transportation co. poration in this State. Mr. Miller is at the head of the Nicaragua Canai project, and Mr. Lauterbach represents professionally some of the largest ma tertal interests in the development of the futu-areator New York. Not one of these delegates arge to the Republican Convention at St. Louholds a political office, and, with the exception of Mr. Lauterbach, all three, when candidates for elective office in the past, have a record of success Of the unsuccessful Republican candidates for

Assembly in 1894, Michael O Suillvan in the Fire district is connected with the Department of Buildings, James L. Stewart in the Fourteenth district tigs, James L. Stewart in the Functional district (present Twentieth) is State Inspector of Gas Mo. t.rs. and George W. Waimsker in the Eighteenth (new Fiftcenth) hoppurchasing agent for the De-partment of Charities, Charles Strinberg, elected in the bixteenth district on the Republican ticket in 1804, is purchasing agent for the Department of Correction. Robert Miller, elected in the Sev. micenth, is a Deputy Tax Collector, and Charles s. Ailer and Harvey T. Andrews are present Assemblymen. Frank Pavey, elected in the Elevenih district, is now a Senator.

Great stretches of the Venetian Isgoons are being drained and cuttivated. The soil redeemed is ex-

tracedinarily productive.

Richard Strauss's musical humoresque lensplegel's fustige Streiche " has been given with success at the Crystal Palace concerts.

A French company is going to work the coal deposits in the Parce Islands, and to build a pier to

deep water in the harbor of Trangisvang. In the Marquesas Islands when a man marries he acsulpes the rights or a husband over all his wife's aters, while his brothers obtain the same rights over the bride.

Interest in English studies is not great in England. Frof. Skeat for over a year has tried to raise \$2,000 for an English lectureship at Cambridge, givthg \$1,000 of it himself, and has only obtained \$200 in subscriptions. One of the oldest books in the Basque language Refrance y Sentencias comunes en Basquence" of

which the only copy, printed in 1596, is in the armstadt Library, has been reprinted at Geneva by Mr. W. T. Van Evs. Gen. Gordon's defence of his conduct in putting o death the son of Zebehr Pasha, Sulerman, to be published soon in an English translation

It was written in Arabic and printed at Khartoum and but three copies are in existence. England is once more afflicted with bogus diplo mas, purporting to be issued by American universities. The latest of these frauds calls itself the "National University of Illinois" (Universitas Na-ionalis Illinoiensis), Its offices are in London.

Kynosarges, a suburb or ancient Athens, with a famous gymnasdum, is being hunted for by the British school of Athens to the south of Mount Lyesbettos on the banks of the Ilyssus. From the re mains found in the preliminary excavations it seems likely that the real site has been discovered Succi, the faster, has had an unpleasant experience in Vienna, where he intended to exhibit him self in his feat of fasting forty days. The polloauthorities refused to allow the exhibition, but at last permitted him to fast in private on condition that no charge for admission should be made and that only the medical observers should be present. As Succi's blood was up he accepted the conditions Rarl Grey, the new administrator of the South African Chartered Company's territory, is trying to attract British miners to Rhodesia. An advance of

\$250 is to be made to each man to pay for the voyage and the support of his family while he is away. the men engaging to return it by paying 20 per cent. of their wages till the sum is extinguished and also engaging to be responsible for each other's repay A sick Jew, 81 years of age, and poor, went to a rabbi at Barmen in Germany recently, asking for assistance, which he received. His papers snowed that he was a Russian by birth and had lived thirty

years in Germany. A few days later he was ordered o seave Prussian territory within four weeks, as by the treaty of 1894 with Russia he had forfeited his rights as a Russian subject in consequence of his thirty years' absence and had not become a German. was canonized at Genoa, where her cooking was as highly esteemed as her plety. Once when or-dered to prepare a banquet she fell asleep, and, waking up shortly before the dinner began, found number of angels cooking for her. Great praise was given to the dinner, which she at first was tempted to take to perself, but, repenting, con fessed how the dinner had been cooked. So she became a saint.

German anti-Semitic students at Vienna, having eclared that they would refuse all challenges from corps students who are Jews the Jewish to interfere, and allow them to have their faces slashed like Christians. He refused, but has been forced by the Minister of Public Instruction to punish the students who presided at the meeting where the declaration was made. The Jews are all taking fencing lessons.

An old gypsy woman who died near Slough in England asked to have all her belongings destroyed. Her son first shot and buried her horse, then burned the van in which she had lived, throwing the smaller articles into the flames. A bystander offered to buy the harness, but the man refused to sell it at any price, saying that he would be scorned by all the ribe. The old woman's little grandson threw in a piece of bread she had given him, saying: "We shall never want for bread any more." A copy of Caxton's edition of the "Canterbury [alea" was sold in London recently for \$5,100, the

fourth highest price ever paid for a Caxton, Lord Jersey's copy of "King Arthur" having brought \$9,775 and his "Histories of Troy" \$9,100 in 1885, and another copy of the "Troy" \$5,802 in 1812, There are but nine copies of the "Canterbury Tales" known, only two of them complete, one being at derton College, the other in the British Museum The copy just sold lacks nineteen leaves, and two others have the corners torn off; which makes the price paid the highest ever obtained at auction for an English book in imperfect condition. Birmingham, England, has been making a su In September, 1894, the corporation opened a pub

lie nouse in Elan village within its limits, in which temperance drinks as well as pure liquors were sold, the profits going to support a reading roo compete with an old-established public house, but gained rapidly on it. The official in charge, a ter totaler, is convinced after a year's experience, "that the interests of temperance are far bette erved by providing wholeseme liquer under proper regulations than by leaving the traffic to be con ducted in the ordinary way, or in astempting to prohibit it altogether." Pope Leo has given the Irish members of Parila

ment some good advice. A letter from Mgr. Kelly, rector of the Irish College in Rome, to Mr. Dillon, printed in the Freeman's Journal, reads as follows the Holy Father in reply to the address of the Sa cred College, I had the honor of laying at his feet your personal felicitations, &c. I said 'Holy Father, our members of Parliament have recently elected a new Chairman in the person ofhis Holiness interrupted me, saying, 'Dillon, is it not? Has he accepted?' I answered, 'Yes, Holy Father and to-day he charges me to lay at your feet his homage and felicitations, and at the same time to implore your benediction. He manifested by his look and attitude a particular and paternal acceptance of your message. Then he said, 'Yea, I ble him, and let them be united, let them be united. With that he laid his hands impressively on mine evidently wishing to inculcate unity as the desire

FOREIGN NOTES OF REAL INTEREST. WIVES FOR BACRELOR FARMERS. A Movement to Encourage Pennste Emigra-

tion to the Northwest Territory of Canada, Tonoxto, April 10. A great deal of money has been spent by the Dominion travernment in the last ten years to encourage emigration to Canada, and most of the severies, to judge by the last census, have been more or less futile Now the chief Government organ here comes forward with another project to people the great Northwest. This paper, referring to & statement by the Land Commissioner of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the effect that the great want of the Northwest is more won ays that the bachelor life of the farmers in Manitoba and the Northwest makes them dissatisfied; that they soon get discouraged and write to their friends in Great Britain about the cheerless, unattractive lives they are leading, and that it is well known that many of these letters have been widely circulated in the English provincial press and have had the effect of turning off the tide of emigrants to other shores to the United States, Australia,

and South Africa.
"If these men," the paper adds, "had been mated with plucky wives, the stories of their failures would not have been written home. They would have found life in the Northwest tolerable and would have taken a pride in overcoming their difficulties. A few thousand women of the right kind would probably de more to make that country than any other in-fluence that could be brought to bear upon is just now. Suitable immigrants of that kind can find amployment, and are not likely to have to go long without husbands."

This led to a new scheme for peopling the Northwest. It was started here a few days ago, and a committee is now hard at work on the detalls of the plan. A preliminary meeting was held to discuss the matter, and a committee was appointed to report on the feasibility of sending girls to the Northwest from the overcrowded centres of population of the older provinces of Canada. "Girls wanted" was the provinces of Canada. "Girls wanted" was the motto of the meeting: but when one of the gentlemen present unwarily declared that part of the plan was to send girls out West to make wives of them for the prairie farmers the ladden present rook up arms against the matrimonial part of the scheme. They said that this was too delicate a matter to deal with, and strongly objected to associating any marriage scheme with the proposed female emigration to the West. No society, it was contended, could successfully arrange marriages between people whose modes of living had been so different, and no such plan was likely to succeed. While the ladies were willing to take part in any movement to encourage the emigration of girls to the Northwest, and find employment as domestic servants for them there, they obscintly refused to have anything to do with any scheme having for its object the shipping of a train load of girls to the Northwest to be married to the farmers of that part of the country. There was always the possibility of ill-mating couples, and the ladies apparently did not care to undertake the responsibility of so delicate a matter as the promation of matrimony among the farmers. It was soon made apparent that the matter would have to be handled very cautiously, and that if the movement succeeded the question of matrimony among the kept in the background and the idea of marriage left to the emigrant girls themselve to work out in the good old-fashioned way. Lady Aberdeen, the wife of the Governor-General of Canada, wrote to br. W. E. Bessey, the organizer of the meeting, deployed the flow of girls to the clites from the country, and thought they should go to the Northwest and make homes for themselves and be independent, rather than come to the centres of population and work for a pittanen. But one of the ladies thought that the girls in the cities were not fit to make farmers' wives. Mr. Jones ventured the French King regularly shipped boat loads of girls to become the wives of the pioner settlers in Canada. The ra motto of the meeting; but when one of the gentlemen present unwardy declared that part

DOGS THAT CHASE MEN.

Bloodbounds as Alds to the Police in Bloodhounds are still used to track fugitives slaves. The pure bloodhound, while as relentless on the trail of his quarry as "he who treasures up a wrong," is not ferocious, as his maligners have asserted. But in the South the strains are usually mixed with the American forhound, the union producing a more active and larger-boned type than the true bloodhound, with possibly a more savage disposition. Modern investigation has proved clearly that bloodhound will follow a man's tracks even in the streets of a city, where the scent is crossed by thousands of other footprints. In this case the scent must be fresh and strong, or the dog will not trace it. The futility of putting

failed in a series of experiments with some of the best dogs in England, selected from the kennels of Edward Brough. Rosemary, one of the hounds used in the Whitechapel experiments, is now in J. L. Winchell's kennels at Fair Haven, Vt. She is the dam of the challenge dog Victor (by Belhus Rosemary), winner at New York in '90, '95, and '94. Mr. Winchell has a large kennel, and he

a broodhound on an old scent was shown at the

time of the Whitechapel murders, when Sir

Charles Warren, Chief of the London police,

with that he hald his hands impressing on mine united. With that he hald his hands impressing on mine widently withing to incuitate unity as the desired frait of his blessing."

In the Carpathian Mountains of Galicia dwells a primitive Siavie people called the Hussien, which is nominally Roman Catholic and of whose curious customs Naraer gives an account. Everywhere one comes across wooden crosses errected over burded brandy bottles. In 1894 a 'Brandy propiet' appeared; he was a simple peasant who wased a successful warfare against brandy drinking. The seal of the people constrained the clergy to bury the applications of the company of the property of the proper